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Washington, D.C. Today, the White House announced the release of funding under The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. Funding for these grants was authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 enacted on February 17, 2009. This funding can be used by states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system.

“I am pleased to see the funding for this valuable program being distributed today by the Department of Justice,” said Sires. “It will immediately help state and local governments prevent, fight, and prosecute crime.”

Statewide, New Jersey will receive \$47.7 million, with \$18 million going straight to localities and the remainder to the State for statewide initiatives. Towns in Hudson County will receive \$2.7 million, towns in Essex County will receive \$3.8 million, towns in Middlesex County will receive almost \$1 million, and towns in Union County will receive \$1.3 million. Funds are distributed by a formula based on population and crime statistics, with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share.

“This funding will allow towns of the 13th district to retain law enforcement personnel who may otherwise have lost their job during this hard economic time.” Sires added, “It is a first step on the road to recovery for our community.”

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